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TAGS: IAEA ADMIN
SUBJECT: IAEA STAFFING: NEW D-LEVEL POST IN DEPARTMENT
OF SAFEGUARDS AND INSPECTION

REF: STATE 5955

SUMMARY: JAPANESE AMBASSADOR KATORI CALLED
TO ELICIT U.S. SUPPORT FOR CANDIDACY OF JAPANESE
NATIONAL, HAGINOYA, FOR NEW D-LEVEL POST IN SAFE-
GUARDS OPERATIONS. I INFORMED HIM FRANKLY OF
U.S. OPPOSITION TO JAPANESE CANDIDACY FOR THIS
POST AT THIS TIME. WHEN QUESTIONED IF U.S.
OPPOSITION TO SUCH CANDIDACY WOULD CONTINUE EVEN
AFTER ALL ARRANGEMENTS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF
SAFEGUARDS IN JAPAN COMPLETED, I REPLIED I
WOULD SEEK INSTRUCTIONS ON THAT POINT.

ACTION REQUESTED: GUIDANCE ON PARA 7 BELOW.
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1. JAPANESE AMBASSADOR KATORI WHO ALSO SERVES
AS JAPANESE GOVERNOR ON IAEA BOARD OF GOVERNORS
AND MINISTER YATABE, JAPANESE RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE
TO IAEA, CALLED ON ME AT THEIR REQUEST FEBRUARY 7
TO PUSH JAPANESE CANDIDACY FOR NEW D-LEVEL POST
IN DEPARTMENT OF SAFEGUARDS AND INSPECTION.

2. AMBASSADOR KATORI BEGAN BY RECOUNTING AT LENGTH EFFORTS OF JAPANESE GOVERNMENT TO OBTAIN QUALIFIED CANDIDATE FOR D-LEVEL POST IN SAFEGUARDS AND INSPECTION. HE RECALLED SERIES OF JAPANESE APPROACHES TO DIRECTOR GENERAL EKLUND, INSPECTOR GENERAL ROMETSCH AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL HALL IN EFFORT MAXIMIZE AGENCY SUPPORT FOR CANDIDACY OF JAPANESE NATIONAL. HE THEN DISCUSSED AT LENGTH CONTACTS BETWEEN THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY (MITSUBISHI) AS WELL AS WITH HAGINOYA HIMSELF IN ORDER TO OBTAIN HAGINOYA'S CANDIDACY FOR THIS POSITION. FINALLY HE SAID THAT JAPANESE COUNSELOR IN WASHINGTON HAD RECENTLY MADE CALL IN DEPARTMENT (NOSENZO) REQUESTING U.S. SUPPORT. HE IMPLIED NOSENZO HAD HEARD COUNSELOR OUT BUT HAD NOT COMMENTED ON PROPOSAL.

3. HAVING MADE APPROACH TO DIRECTOR GENERAL AS INSTRUCTED REFTEL, AND AS SUCH APPROACH NOT LIKELY REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL OVER LONG PERIOD, I DECIDED TO INFORM JAPANESE REPS FRANKLY THAT I HAD SEEN DIRECTOR GENERAL UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO ADVISE HIM U.S. WAS OPPOSED TO NATIONAL OF EITHER EURATOM COUNTRIES OR JAPAN IN DIVISION OF OPERATIONS D-LEVEL POST AT THIS TIME.

4. KATORI INDICATED THAT DIRECTOR GENERAL EKLUND HAD SUGGESTED TO HIM THAT JAPAN NOMINATE CANDIDATE FOR POSITION DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR RESEARCH CONFIDENTIAL

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AND ISOTOPES WHICH WOULD BE AVAILABLE IN SEPTEMBER 1977. KATORI WENT ON TO STATE THAT IN HIS GOVERNMENT'S VIEW, FIRST PRIORITY WAS TO OBTAIN D-LEVEL POST IN SAFEGUARDS OPERATIONS IN PREFERENCE TO DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL POST CITED.

5. ON PERSONAL BASIS I ENCOURAGED JAPANESE REPS TO RECONSIDER NOMINATING CANDIDATE FOR DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL POST STRESSING IMPORTANT MANGERIAL RESPONSIBILITIES ENTAILED THEREIN (I.E. ALL NOMINATIONS TO THE AGENCY ARE VETTED BY DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERALS, ETC.). YATABE INDICATED THAT WHILE THEIR PREFERENCE WAS TO OBTAIN D-LEVEL POST FOR HAGINOYA, JAPANESE GOVERNMENT WOULD BE MAKING EFFORT FIND SUITABLE CANDIDATE FOR DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR RESEARCH AND ISOTOPES.

6. DURING ENSUING CONVERSATION, I EXPLAINED PRECISELY WHY WE WERE OPPOSED TO JAPANESE OR EURATOM NATIONAL BEING DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF OPERATIONS AT THIS TIME.

AFTER DOING SO, YATABE INQUIRED WHETHER U.S. WOULD STILL HAVE OBJECTION TO JAPANESE CANDIDATE AFTER SUBSIDIARY ARRANGEMENTS AND FACILITY ATTACHMENTS HAD BEEN WORKED OUT FOR JAPAN. I TOLD HIM THAT MY REMARKS HAD BEEN BASED ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT IT WAS INTENT OF GOJ TO DELAY IMPLEMENTING AGREEMENTS UNTIL AFTER IAEA/EURATOM ARRANGEMENTS HAD BEEN FINALIZED. IF THIS ASSUMPTION WAS NOT CORRECT, THEN I PRESUMED IT WOULD AFFECT OUR POSITION AND I WOULD SEEK INSTRUCTIONS ON THIS POINT.

7. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S VIEW WHETHER IN EVENT SUBSIDIARY ARRANGEMENTS AND FACILITY ATTACHMENTS ARE COMPLETED FOR JAPAN PRIOR TO THOSE WITH EURATOM, THIS WOULD ALTER OUR POSITION CONTAINED REFTEL RE JAPANESE NATIONAL IN D-LEVEL POST. (NOTE: CONFIDENTIAL

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AS PRACTICAL MATTER I BELIEVE TIMING IS SUCH AS TO MAKE IT DIFFICULT TO CONSIDER JAPANESE CANDIDACY, SINCE DIRECTOR GENERAL WOULD HAVE TO DELAY FINALIZING APPOINTMENT BEYOND TIMETABLE HE HAS NOW ANNOUNCED TO MEMBERS OF BOARD.)

8. I FURTHER TOLD JAPANESE REPS THAT SHOULD THE EXISTING D-LEVEL POSITION BE FILLED WITH A "WESTERNER," I PRESUMED SECOND D-LEVEL POST IN OPERATIONS VICE NAKICENOVIC, FOR WHICH VACANCY NOTICE HAD RECENTLY BEEN ISSUED, WOULD IN ALL LIKELIHOOD BE FILLED BY "EASTERNER""

9. COMMENT: IT WAS EVIDENT FROM AMBASSADOR KATORI'S REMARKS THAT JAPANESE GOVERNMENT (AND PERHAPS HE PERSONALLY) IS SUBJECT TO NOT INCONSIDERABLE EMBARRASSMENT IN EVENT HAGINOYA NOT OFFERED POST. CERTAINLY JAPANESE INDUSTRY WILL NOT BE IMPRESSED WITH GOJ'S EFFECTIVENESS IF AFTER PROTRACTED EFFORTS TO OBTAIN HAGINOYA'S CANDIDACY, THEY ARE UNABLE SECURE HIS APPOINTMENT. I GENTLY SUGGESTED THAT IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN HELPFUL TO CONSULT WITH USG AT AN EARLIER DATE. STONE

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